

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

- Library Update – A letter has been sent to ARa. There will be a hearing on February 7 regarding the architect.
- We are working on the City's website and would like to make it more interactive.
- The Board of Works decided to proceed with the sale of land on East 5th Street.
- Brian Conner accepted the position of secretary on the Solid Waste Board.
- Received a request for information on the North Industrial Park from the Department of Commerce.
- Attended a meeting for the ARa Board of Directors. Passed out a schedule of grants and time frames. One of the grants is a "stellar communities" grant, the Mayor asked Councilman Sheehan to look into this for the City.
- Passed out information on BIS Digital. This is an audio/visual program that can be used on our webpage when reading the minutes. It allows you to go to a particular place in the minutes and pull up that portion of the meeting.
- Had a meeting today with the area veterinarians and Moran. The veterinarians were very supportive of the shelter and gave some good suggestions.
- Had a conversation today with Comcast. They are looking into a program "PEGS", Public Education in Government. We may not qualify at this point but Comcast will look into this and report back to the Mayor.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Copley handed out a copy of a power point presentation regarding budgets. She suggested that Council take a look at it and said she thought it would be very helpful at budget time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Animal – Moran said the Board of Works hired Jim Laker as a part time employee. She also gave a brief intake/adoption report.

Moran said she has received a donation of 600 pounds of dog and cat food.

A shelter from Shelbyville has volunteered to help out with sick dogs.

Fire – Jenkins announced the retirement of Dennis Wayt effective February 14, 2012.

Jenkins passed out a report on the energy grant. He said he should receive a full report by the end of the month.

Police – Tucker stated that they are in the process of rebuilding the K-9 program. He said they will be receiving a donation of \$5,000.00 towards this program.

Tucker said he is also working to develop a program for bikes that have been recovered by the police department and not identified by the owner. He said he would like to purge or scrap those that were not salvageable after a 90 day period. He would like to take those bikes that are in decent shape and donate to kids in need. Bridges made a motion to have the City Attorney prepare a resolution. Smith asked if bikes are still registered at the Police Department. Tucker said they are. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street – Miller said they are taking sidewalk applications though the first of June. Pavey said we need to consider if we want to extend the sidewalk program to those 3 property owners between Emerson and Main Street. Bridges asked if we do that, do we also consider commercial. Pavey said this is something he would like Council to consider, a decision does not need to be made today.

Miller asked to take the '96 GMC Tandem truck and a 5 foot Massey mower to New Salem to be sold at auction. Sheehan made a motion to approve the sale of the equipment contingent upon the City Attorney checking on the legal procedure. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Park – Mathews said the Prosecutor bought a camera for Wilkie Park and Mark Osborne installed it. He is hoping with this will deter vandalism in the park.

Mathews invited Council to attend the Valentine Dance at Benjamin Rush Middle School February 10 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Tornado Siren Upgrade – Verlin Custer informed Council that the tornado sirens need to be upgraded due to Federal Communication Commission rules which become effective January 2013. Custer said the cost of the upgrade is \$4,000.00. This would replace existing radio equipment on six sirens. It would include a 3 year warranty on the radios. After discussion it was decided that the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer would look at the budget and decide which line item to pay for the update.

Parking on Harrison Street – During the Main Street construction it was decided by Council to temporarily omit parking on the East side of Main Street, make Pool Side Drive one way, place 4 way stop signs at 8th & Arthur and 7th & Harrison Streets. Pavey asked Council for their input on whether or not to make this a permanent ordinance, or to change the items back to the original status. After lengthy discussion Smith made a motion to restore parking to both sides of Harrison Street, change Pool Side Drive back to a 2 way street, and make the 4 way stop signs at 8th & Arthur and 7th & Harrison permanent through traffic ordinance. Sheehan seconded the motion. Newhouse will prepare the ordinance.

Trash Boxes – Miller thanked Councilman Smith for working on the back of the garbage truck. Smith said he would like to say thank you to Chas Thomas, John Painter and Tom Paul Owens for allowing him to take part in their daily routine.

Smith has been in discussion with the Street Commissioner regarding the use of trash boxes being used by City residents. Some of these have become a problem in that animals are getting into the trash bags because they are not being placed inside trash cans, thus leaving trash in the bottom of the boxes. The City ordinance states that trash is to be placed inside trash cans.

Miller said he would like to have the opportunity to speak to the residents using these boxes and explain to them that they need to purchase cans.

It was the consensus of Council that Smith and Miller look at the ordinance and come up with a revision of the trash ordinance and bring it back to Council for their review.

County Heavy Trash – Miller said on occasion they are getting County residents requesting to drop off trash at the dump site. He asked Council if this was something they would like to do. Council asked Miller to do an analysis of this and come back to them. They said they would like to see how profitable it could be and a possible schedule for the County residents. Miller said this would be for dry goods only; they would not take any garbage.

Ordinance 2012-2 Amendment to Salary Ordinance – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-2. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Bridges made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER